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TO: Executive Board
Indiana State Department of Health

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RE: Final Adoption of the Perinatal Hospital Services Rule, 410 IAC 39, LSA# 18-416

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), Maternal and Child Health program, requests the Executive Board, at the Board's July 24, 2019 meeting, finally adopt to the administrative rule governing the Perinatal Hospital Services Rule, 410 IAC 39, LSA# 18-416.

The proposed amendments would establish rules regarding perinatal hospital and birth center services and the certification of levels of care for birth centers, obstetric units, neonatal units and perinatal centers, including transport rules.

The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule was published in the Indiana Register on October 3, 2018 starting the one year period to adopt this rule. The Executive Board reviewed the proposed draft of this rule at the January 9 Executive Board meeting. ISDH made changes to the rule based on public comment.

The Executive Board finally adopted the rule at its May 22, 2019 Executive Board meeting. The Office of the Attorney General required several changes to the rule that are not substantive, but which must be made for Office of the Attorney General to approve the rule. Therefore, ISDH requests that the Executive Board finally adopt LSA#18-416 with the suggested changes from the Office of the Attorney General.